

Proposed Minutes of the
**Horticulture and Environmental Education
Development Committee**
Regular Meeting
Jan 13, 2004

The meetings was called to order in the MSU Extension Office, located at 21885 Dunham, Clinton Twp., Michigan by Sue Archambault at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair, Sue Archambault, Treasurer, Jim Eckhout, MSUE Representatives, Anne Croster and Mary Gerstenburger, 4-H Members, Tim & Beth Oosting, Thomas and Daniel Morrissey, Johnathan and Joshua Eckhout, and Master Gardeners, Richard Frank, Jean Innes, and Pat Behe.

ABSENT: Co. Chair, Ann Walsh

Anne Crotser will talk to Ann Walsh about the minutes from the October meeting.

Old Business

Jim Eckhout stated that the EIN application for the Horticulture and Environmental Development Committee had been filled out and mailed. No bank account has been opened due to lack of EIN number.

Anne Crotser stated that she will send the letter to Marie Marcath requesting seed money for the Committee once a bank account has been established. Anne would like to see the request on letter head from the Extension office.

Scheduled of Meetings foe the Horticulture and Environmental Developmental Committee was discussed and the current dates are as follows:

February 10, 2004	MSUE Room B	6:30pm
March 9, 2004	MSUE Training Room	6:30pm
April 13, 2004	MSUE Training Room	6:30pm
May 11, 2004	MSUE Training Room	6:30pm
June 8, 2004	MSUE Room A	6:30pm

Jim Eckhout stated that he will write a letter to the Fair Committee requesting permission to place 55 gallon barrels for recycling and fundraising at the 2004 Armada Fair. Anne Crotser stated that she will take that letter and put it on letterhead from the Extension office so it looks more official and send it to the committee.

New Business

Armada Fair:

Anne Crotser stated that she will talk to Betty Nebel about being a superintendent for Natural Resources for the Armada Fair.

Sue Archambault discussed the changes that needed to be made in the Fair book. A new section "Most Unusual Horticulture Specimen". The following changes were suggested.

Change #1

Page 49

Need to change the wording at the top of the first column to say:
"PREMIUMS FOR DEPARTMENT N, SECTIONS A THRU F".
We would like to add one new section (F).

Change #2

Page 50 under Section B, Class #3 Club Scarecrow

Change the guidelines for the scarecrow to say; "Size 6' tall and 36" deep. All parts must be attached. No loose props. Make by 4-H members only.

Change #3

Page 50, Section C - Commercial Gardening

Delete the following classes to make room for the new classes:

Class # 2 Lima Beans

Class # 10 Celery

Class # 14 Kohlrabi

Class # 15 Okra

Class # 18 Parsnips

Class # 25 Rutabagas

Class # 26 Salsify

Class # 27 Summer Squash

Class # 28 Large Winter Squash

Class # 31 Turnips

Change Class #29 to read: "Squash - 5 specimens"

Change # 4 ADD NEW:

SECTION F - MOST UNUSUAL HORTICULTURE SPECIMEN

Class:

1. Apple – largest by circumference
2. Cornstalk – tallest
3. Cucumber – longest
4. Gourd – longest
5. Pumpkin – largest
6. Zucchini Squash – largest by length
7. Sunflower – largest flower by circumference
8. Sunflower – tallest by stalk
9. Tomato – largest by weight

10. Watermelon – largest by weight

Change #5

Change current Section F – Sweepstakes to say: "Section G – Sweepstakes"

Other things to change are Judging day and time.

Superintendent for Dept. L, M & N will be Sue Archambault for 2004.

Bylaws

Anne Crotser present a copy of the Bylaws for Companion Animals. A draft for this committee will be made and presented at the next meeting.

Spring Workshop

Three Master Gardeners came to the meeting to share their ideas for the workshop.

February 10th deadline for the next newsletter if we want the registration form to be included.

Sue Archambault will create the registration form and send to Anne Crotser.

Sample of suggested classes:

Mark W. Water Conservation

Dirt & Worms – Compost bins

Entomology – Bug Barns

Pizza Gardens, Animal Gardens, Alphabet or Specialty Gardens

Seed Magic

Container planting (in a shoe)

Plant Parts we eat

Beans planted in plaster

The workshop will consist of 6 sessions.

Registration deadline will be April 11, 2004

Cost is \$15.00

Limit of 60 kids

Lunch will be provided

All registration forms will go to Jim Eckhout

Meeting Adjourned 9pm